

I 次の会話を読み、下記の設問に答えよ。(配点 30)

(Two people are talking at work)

Carl: Any plans for the weekend?

Diana: No, nothing special. How about you?

Carl: I'm going hiking up in Yellow Canyon tomorrow. Then, I think I'll go running on Sunday.

Diana: Wow! What an active weekend!

Carl: Yes, it's healthy and a great way to make new friends.

Diana: I need to do more exercise. Maybe I'll join a yoga class or something.

Carl: Ever heard of Groupmeet.com?

Diana: No. What's that?

Carl: It's a place to find other people with similar interests in order to do activities together in the real world.

Diana: Have you used it?

Carl: Yes. I'm in a hiking group. We meet once a month. I'm also a member of a running group. I go to its running events a couple of times a week.

Diana: Is it expensive?

Carl: No, not at all. It's free to join Groupmeet.com. ¹⁾ Some events involve a fee, but most are free. The events run by both my groups are usually free.

Diana: What was the name of the site again?

Carl: Groupmeet dot com.

Diana: OK. I'll check it out.

Carl: If you need any help, give me a call.

Diana: I'll do that. Thanks.

(A few days later)

Diana: You know that site you were telling me about the other day?

Carl: Groupmeet?

Diana: Yes. I signed up and found some groups I'd like to join, but I'm having trouble navigating the site.

Carl: Shall we take a look together?

Diana: Thanks. I'd appreciate that. I've got my tablet with me. Here's the site and my profile.

Carl: I like your profile picture.

Diana: Thanks. I took it from the top of Mount Orange last summer. I found some groups I want to join the other day but can't find them again now.

Carl: Try searching. You can browse or search groups or events. So if you want to find a yoga group, type yoga here and then fill in the range. If you want groups in the city, then a range of five or ten miles should be enough. Look. Here's a yoga group in the city.

Diana: I found that one, but it hasn't met for over a year.

Carl: That's too bad. It has a lot of members. I wonder why it has become dormant. Maybe you could start a new group.

Diana: ²⁾ I think that's jumping the gun a bit. I haven't even taken part in an event yet. I think it's too early to become an organizer.

Carl: I hear you. OK. Let's widen the range to 30 miles. Then we should get out-of-town events. What about this group in Midvale? It has a lot of members and regular events. It's a bit of a long way to go, though.

Diana: That's it. It's one I saw before. I will join this one. It won't take so long in the car. Thanks so much.

Carl: Glad to be of help.

Diana: You were saying you could search by event. Can you show me that?

Carl: Of course. If you search by event, you can find out about events coming up soon. This can either be events for your interests or all events. It could be a way to find new interesting hobbies.

Diana: Oh, look. There's a butoh dance group meeting tomorrow.

Carl: What's that?

Diana: I don't know really. I think it's a kind of dance performance from Japan. I've always wanted to try that sort of thing. ³⁾ Fancy coming along with me?

Carl: Not this time. I think running is more my thing, but thanks anyway.

(1) Which of the following has the same meaning as “¹⁾ Some events involve a fee, but most are free”? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① It costs money to join some events, but it doesn't cost any money to join most events.
- ② Most events have no rules, but some events have rules participants must follow.
- ③ It costs a fixed amount to join some events, but for most events you decide how much you can pay.
- ④ At some events, you may be asked to follow particular rules, but whether you follow the rules

or not is up to you.

(2) According to the conversation, which of the following has the same meaning as “2) I think that’s jumping the gun a bit”? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① I’m not sure I’m ready to do that yet.
- ② I prefer yoga to doing that.
- ③ I’m so excited about doing that.
- ④ I’d really like to do something like that.

(3) Which of the following has the same meaning as “3) Fancy coming along with me”? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① Is Fancy coming with me?
- ② You were hoping to come with me, weren’t you?
- ③ Would you like to come with me?
- ④ Do you know who could go with me?

(4) Which of the following is **NOT true** about Carl and Diana? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① Carl introduces Diana to the Groupmeet.com site.
- ② Carl’s running group meets several times a week.
- ③ Diana has trouble using the site so she asks Carl for help.
- ④ Diana takes a photo to put on her Groupmeet.com profile.

(5) Which of the following is **NOT true** about Groupmeet.com? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① Groupmeet.com is a site for meeting people with similar interests.
- ② You can browse events and groups on Groupmeet.com.
- ③ By widening the range of the search on Groupmeet.com, you can find out about more events and groups.
- ④ A yoga event and a butoh event are being organized by Groupmeet.com in Midvale this week.

(6) Which of the following best summarizes the conversation? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① Carl is very active on Groupmeet.com. Diana notices this and decides she would like to take part in events with him. She gets Carl to help her join and then invites him to a dance party.
- ② Through Carl, Diana learns about Groupmeet.com. After joining the site by herself, Diana is helped by Carl to find a suitable group to practice yoga.
- ③ Carl helps Diana to join Groupmeet.com and to find friends with the same interests. Unfortunately, the yoga group Diana wants to join does not seem to meet anymore, so she joins a butoh group instead.
- ④ Carl and Diana co-operate in joining Groupmeet.com and finding activities they can take part in together. Through this experience, they learn to understand and trust each other more deeply.

Ⅱ 次の2020年1月25日の新聞記事を読み、下記の設問に答えよ。(配点20)

The government has been pushing for fathers to take paternity leave as the country faces a population crisis, yet a new ¹⁾ wrinkle has emerged as almost one-third of mothers report that their partners do little to ²⁾ help out around the house while they are off work.

Of 508 mothers with at least one child, 32% said their husbands did less than two hours of housework or childcare per day during paternity leave, according to a survey released Wednesday by Mamari, a motherhood information portal. About 20% of the mothers reported that their husbands did more than eight hours of housework or childcare. The mothers responding said they often ended up doing housework themselves or that their husbands used some of the time to have fun.

The gender imbalance of household duties in Japan has received worldwide attention. While 71% of Japanese women aged 15-64 today have paying jobs, compared with 60% in 2012, men's contributions in the household have not kept pace. Japanese men do less housework than their counterparts in any other developed country, while Japanese women get less sleep than any of their counterparts, according to *the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Japanese government data indicates one way to help solve the population problem may be by domestic duties. The more time a husband spends on housework and childcare on days off, the ³⁾ (① his ② is ③ likely ④ more ⑤ to ⑥ wife) have another child, according to a welfare ministry survey.

Japan has been pushing for more fathers to take paternity leave to reduce the burden on families as its population declines and rapidly ages. Environment Minister Shinjiro Koizumi recently made headlines by becoming the first sitting Cabinet member to take paternity leave following the birth of his son this month.

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注 the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 経済協力開発機構

(1) 下線部1) “wrinkle”の意味として最も適切なものを、次の中から1つ選び、その番号をマークせよ。

- ① idea ② problem ③ data ④ solution

(2) 下線部2) “help out around the house”の意味として最も適切なものを、次の中から1つ選び、その番号をマークせよ。

- ① help with housework ② help with homework
③ help housekeepers ④ help the householder

(3) 空所 に入る最も適切なものを次の中から1つ選び、その番号をマークせよ。

- ① doing ② fulfilling ③ sharing ④ taking on

(4) 下線部 3) (① his ② is ③ likely ④ more ⑤ to ⑥ wife) の①～⑥を並べかえて英文を完成し、1番目にくるものの番号をマークせよ。

(5) 本文の内容に合うものを次の中から2つ選び、その番号をマークせよ。ただし、解答の順序は問わない。

- ① 日本政府が男性の育児休暇を推進するのは、他国からの要請によるものである。
- ② ある調査によると、夫の育児休暇中の仕事時間は通常より長いと回答した妻の方が多かった。
- ③ ある調査によると、夫が自分のことを優先するので、妻は家事を投げ出すことがよくある。
- ④ 日本では近年、仕事を持つ女性が増えている一方で、家事を行う男性の割合はそれほど変わっていない。
- ⑤ 経済協力開発機構の調べによると、日本の女性は男性に比べて睡眠時間が短い。
- ⑥ 小泉環境大臣より前に育児休暇を取得した男性の現役閣僚はいなかった。

(3) Which of the following has the same meaning as “make it”? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① prepare a sandwich
- ② go on the picnic
- ③ attend a wedding
- ④ meet at the supermarket

Conversation B (Thirty minutes later)

Amy: The food is ready.

Bill: These sandwiches look really good. I can't wait to try one.

Amy: Now what do we need?

Bill: Plates, forks, cups.

Amy: I've already got those, but we need the picnic basket to put them all in and we need a sheet to sit on.

Bill: You know, I think the picnic basket got lost last summer. I haven't seen it at all since then. We might have left it up in the forest. But I've got a good sheet in the garage.

Amy: Oh, that's too bad. I really liked that old basket. It was a present from my parents.

Bill: I'm sorry. I know it was special. I'm not sure how it got lost. We could use the cool box this time and buy a new one later.

(4) Which of the following is best to fill in ? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① else
- ② instead
- ③ other
- ④ remaining

(5) Which of the following is true? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① The plates and the forks are already in the picnic basket, but the picnic basket is nowhere to be found.
- ② Bill is not sure where the picnic sheet is, but he is sure it got lost last summer.
- ③ Amy was given a picnic basket by Bill on a trip to the forest last year.
- ④ Bill hopes they can buy a new picnic basket sometime, but first they will go on the picnic and use a cool box for now.

(6) Which of the following best summarizes Conversations A and B? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① Bill persuades Amy to go on a picnic, but Amy is still worried that they may lose her favorite picnic basket.
- ② Amy and Bill prepare for a picnic. Rather than buying ready-made food from a shop, they decide to make something themselves and take it in a cool box.
- ③ While preparing for a picnic, Amy and Bill find out their friends are too busy to go with them. They are surprised but decide to go by themselves.
- ④ The weather is perfect for a picnic, so Amy and Bill decide to go to the forest to pick up the picnic basket they left there last summer.

Ⅳ 次の英文 A と B を読み、下記の設問に答えよ。(配点 30)

Passage A

My grandpa's meat udon is my favorite

I am a singer from Kagawa Prefecture. Kagawa is known for its udon noodles. I want to talk about udon which I love. One of my favorite qualities of udon in Kagawa is its ¹⁾ firmness. What I mean is it's filling and chewy.

Before I started this job as a singer, I would eat udon at least once a week, sometimes three or four times a week. There were even days when I would eat udon three times a day at my grandma's house.

In Kagawa, there are as many udon restaurants as convenience stores. There are famous restaurants where people will line up, but I like to go to any nearby restaurant in order to be able to eat quickly. There are a lot of cheap places where a bowl costs less than ¥200, so it's about the same price as a soft drink. My fans often ask me which restaurant I recommend, but I tell them each restaurant has its own unique flavor, so it's best to just walk around and try all the different places to see which is your favorite.

I also enjoy eating udon at home. I love my grandpa's niku udon (udon with sliced meat). My grandpa buys fresh noodles at a shop, but he makes the soup stock himself. The flavor is rich and delicious. When I was young, I always looked forward to the nights when my grandpa would make me udon for dinner because my parents would come home late.

The first time I actually ate "Toshikoshi soba" or "year-passing soba" was 2018. Until then, I always ate udon instead of soba noodles, which is the traditional New Year's Eve meal in Japan. I think in Kagawa Prefecture, a lot of families do the same, but I've never actually checked.

When it comes to udon, I can't stop about it, but I'll have to end it here. I hope you will read my other columns.

Passage B

I eat ramen when I'm feeling really "udon-sick"

Since I started this job as a singer, I have been to many places in Japan for concerts, TV shows and meet-and-greet events with my fans. In this entry, I'm going to write about what I do when ²⁾ I feel "udon-sick."

Actually, there are various types of udon in places all over the country, I still get to enjoy udon even when I'm working or filming on location. But sometimes, I really want to eat Sanuki udon from my hometown, and when I get that udon-sick feeling, I just have to put up with it.

But there is a limit to my patience, so sometimes I eat ramen — my second favorite. The best ramen is tonkotsu ramen, which has a pork based broth. Udon is relatively light, so I like the opposite when it comes to ramen. At restaurants, I will always order tonkotsu ramen. Even though they're still noodles, I don't eat much soba or pasta. It's always either udon or ramen. It's probably something that makes me a little different.

You might think there are Sanuki udon restaurants in other prefectures, so ³⁾ why don't you eat there? But if I'm out with friends my own age and we are thinking what we would do for lunch, we might decide on ramen, but the idea of eating udon never really comes up. Udon would be a common choice in Kagawa, but I wonder why it's different in other prefectures.

I just really love *carbs. Sometimes I think I'm probably eating too much udon, but it tastes so good, ⁴⁾ I can't help it. People from Kagawa eat udon every day, and they don't seem too worried about it, right?

(Source: POP COOL (The Japan News, Feb 28, 2020))

注 carbs 炭水化物 (食品)

(1) 空所 と に入る最も適切なものを、次の中からそれぞれ1つ選び、その番号をマークせよ。

① to talk ② talk ③ talking ④ talked

① although ② because ③ but ④ so

(2) 下線部 1) “firmness”を説明する最も適切な語を、英文 A で用いられている次の語の中から1つ選び、その番号をマークせよ。

① chewy ② unique ③ fresh ④ rich

(3) Which of the following has the same meaning as “²⁾ I feel “udon-sick”? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① I feel happy to eat udon.
- ② I feel like eating more udon because I love it.
- ③ I feel like eating udon because I haven't eaten it.
- ④ I feel unhappy because doctors stop me eating udon.

(4) Which of the following has the same meaning as “³ why don't you eat there”? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① I tell you not to eat there. ② I suggest you eat there.
③ let's eat together. ④ let me know the exact reason you don't eat there.

(5) Which of the following has the same meaning as “⁴ I can't help it”? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① I cannot stop eating udon because it is delicious.
② I am likely to eat a lot of udon because it is delicious.
③ I am unable to make so delicious udon that everyone wants to eat.
④ I cannot stop anyone eating delicious udon.

(6) According to Passage A, which of the following is true? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① The author would eat udon every day before she started the job.
② In Kagawa, there are stores where you can get a rice bowl for the same price as a soft drink.
③ The author tells her fans to choose their favorite udon restaurants among famous ones.
④ It was not until 2018 that the author ate soba as “Toshikoshi soba.”

(7) According to Passage B, which of the following is true? Choose the best answer and mark the number on the answer sheet.

- ① The author eats Sanuki udon even when she visits other places than Kagawa Prefecture.
② The author likes udon and ramen lightly flavored.
③ The author almost always decides on udon or ramen.
④ The author eats nothing but udon when she goes out for a meal with friends.